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UTILIZATION OF BIOMETRIC	)	
IDENTIFICATION TECHNIQUES	)	
AND RELATED ARCHITECTURE	)	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before examining this application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 3 of this amendment.

An abstract is provided on page 12 of this amendment and as a separate page  
enclosed herewith.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this amendment.